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In re Patent Application of:

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For: GELATIN-FREE, ISOMALTULOSE-  
CONTAINING SOFT CARAMEL

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**RCE SUBMISSION**

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

As an RCE Submission and in response to the Office Action dated December 5, 2009, please reconsider the above-identified U.S. patent application amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.

**FEE CALCULATION**

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